THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) All the prisoners lodged in Central Jail, Tihar are treated equally as the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have abolished the classification of prisoners into 'B' and 'C' class.

(b) None of the prisoners lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar has been provided with any facility in contravention of the relevant rules.

Madarsas in Chamba and Kangra

5562. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have information that ISI is trying to establish its bases in the Muslim dominated areas in the country to foment trouble;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that ISI have set up a number of madarsas (Islamic schools) in Chamba and Kangra Valley of Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if, so the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed to check ISI activities in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Pak ISI is persisting with its efforts to foment trouble in various parts of the country. The activities include infiltration of explosives, drugs and fake currency including training and supporting various anti-nationals and terrorist groups. However, there is no specific input about ISI establishing bases in Muslim dominated areas in India.

(c) and (d) According to available information, some madarsas are being run in districts Kangra and Chamba of Himachal Pradesh. However, it is not established that these are being run by Pak ISI.

(e) In order to check the activities of terrorist and anti-national elements, in bordering areas of Chamba district contiguous to J&K, the State Government has taken various measures including deployment of armed police, gearing up of intelligence machinery, intensified patrolling and constituting Village Defence Committees.

The information received about movement and activities of ISI agents/ antinational elements is shared by the Central/State Agencies to devise strategies to check the situation.